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Prior Application: K. SAKAMOTO et al  
Serial No. 09/548,597  
Filed: April 13, 2000

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Group Art Unit: 2122  
Examiner: K. Chaki  
For: PROGRAM GENERATION METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/548,597, filed on April 13, 2000, entitled PROGRAM GENERATION METHOD, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,  
including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee					\$ 710.00
Total Claims	13	-	20	=	0 x 18 = \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	07	-	3	=	4 x 80 = \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee					\$ 710.00

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3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-4 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/548,597, filed April 13, 2000, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/114,622, filed July 13, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,117,184, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/554,632, filed November 6, 1995.--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty (20) sheets, Figs. 1-23.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

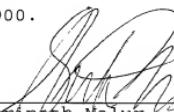
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent

application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 06-280235, filed November 15, 1994.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/548,597, as originally filed on April 13, 2000.



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